

Construction Started for New Gas Company Headquarters Here

Construction is now under way on a new \$17,000 Southern California Gas Co. operating headquarters located at 182nd St. near Hawthorne Blvd. It is announced by Lester E. Green, gas company division manager. Contract for construction of the new facility was let with Hahn-St. John, general contractors, Hawthorne.

MOTHER'S DAY CRASH HURTS MOTHER, 90

Mrs. Viola Green, 90, of 25400 Pennsylvania Ave., went on a nice Sunday Mother's Day drive with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Farrow, but it all ended rather unpleasantly.

For in the Palos Verdes Hills, the car in which she was riding became involved in a collision with one driven by John Rowbotan, Los Angeles, reports show. Mrs. Green suffered bruised knees.

Talk of the Town NITE CAPPERS TRIO featuring TONY PERRY VOCALIST FRI. & SAT. NITES 9 till 1:30 Del's STEAK HOUSE 15520 S. Crenshaw Near El Camino

STADIUM NOW PLAYING - Allan Young Dinah Shore Robert Merrill AARON SLICK FROM PUNKIN CRICK Color by Technicolor Abbot and Costello JACK AND THE BEANSTALK Also in Color. - SUN. - MON. - TUES. - Allan Young Dinah Shore Robert Merrill AARON SLICK FROM PUNKIN CRICK Color by Technicolor Ray Milland Teresa Wright SOMETHING TO LIVE FOR

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School Trustees Hit High Architect Fees

The South Bay School Trustees Assn., of which Torrance is a member, this week hit at the high cost of architect fees on school buildings and labeled as "excessive" the charges levied by architects for supervising construction.

The association, headed by Mrs. Grace Wright, a member of the Torrance Board of Education, sent to Sacramento a resolution passed by the group recommending that school districts be allowed to employ architects on a bid basis rather than on a flat 8 per cent as now allowed by law.

Since its inception in 1947 the Torrance Board of Education has spent more than 2 1/2 million dollars on school buildings. Of this amount 8 per cent or \$208,861.12 was for architect fees, according to figures supplied by Emmett Ingram, business manager of the local school district.

Attempting to prove that lower fees are possible, Mrs. Wright pointed to recent contracts granted by the Madrona and Hollywood Riviera schools. If changes are necessary, the architects will be entitled to 6 1/2 per cent, Mrs. Wright said.

"It can be done for less than 8 per cent," she claims. The South Bay resolution, identical to another sent to the state capital by the Butte County Trustees Assn., also recommended that the State should have "stock plans" on hand to give poorer districts to enable them to cut construction costs.

Both resolutions urged the legislature to consider the problem at the next session in January. Jack Merchant, president of the California School Trustees Association, an organization consisting of more than 75 per cent of the Boards of Education and school trustees in the state, indicated that the resolutions probably will be considered by the state group when it holds its state convention in Long Beach in October.

Following the arrival of the resolutions in the state capital, Frederic A. Chase, executive secretary of the California Council of Architects, had this to say: "Contrary to some beliefs, all architects don't drive Cadillacs. I've haven't decided yet what giving him authority to proceed legally to settle the Wilcox vs. City of Torrance case and obtain a writ of mandamus forcing Mrs. Leech to sign the bonds. The procedure is necessary to make the bonds salable."

Action on Ordinance No. 597 up for its second reading delayed until next meeting at the request of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. which is attempting to determine what objections may be voiced. The ordinance would permit a stock auction to be conducted on 190th St. west of Crenshaw Blvd.

Motion of Councilman Draie that Truman Browne tract No. 17788 calling for 54 homes to be constructed on 178th St. and 179th St. between Prairie and Arnie be approved, was lost for want of a second. Motion later reactivated and passed after the personal appearance of Browne.

A. D. Gianni, speaking from the audience, asked that a tract map approved by the Planning Commission on March 30, 1950 be northy thereafter by the Council, be reapproved for construction. Beverly B. Smith, president of the Planning Commission, reported that a committee had been appointed by the Commission and had met the night before, but were not ready to submit recommendation. The Council refused to approve the tract until the Planning Commission had passed on the maps.

William Cameron of Pacific Hills reminded the Council of his pleas for an investigation into the zoning variances of the K. Sande Senness sand and gravel operations in Pacific Hills. Matter was referred to the next agenda meeting for discussion.

Hi-Lites Of Seaside Heights

By GRAYCE RYCKMAN Frontler 5-2410

This is news of two people who dared to dream. A man, and a boy. Unrelated, except that both live here in the Heights, and each dared to dream. And best of all, each will see his dream come true this summer.

The man—Jan Darian of 5257 Bindowald Rd. His dream: to be a member of the faculty at the Sylvan Dell Music Camp at the edge of Big Bear Lake. Here to spend his time with masters of music and its components. Here to find art in its highest form, but also relaxation and scenic beauty. Here to give to others his knowledge of self-expression and dancing. Mr. Darian will leave for the camp about June 21 and will not return until the middle of July.

The boy—Bobby Holstin, 5121 Zakon Rd. His dream: to be one of the 32 lucky boys sent to Camp Philmont in New Mexico for a 36 day training course in Scouting. These 32 boys were selected from all the Boy Scouts of the Los Angeles Council. Bobby Holstin was selected with on other Jr. leader to represent the South Bay District. He was chosen by merit and achievement shown in his two years of Scouting. This trip is made possible by Sears, Roebuck and Co. Bobby's date of departure is not yet known. Happy vacation, both of you!

Grandpa Hatfield, as he is affectionately known, of Vanderhill Rd. had a letter from his granddaughter, Donna, the other day. Remember her? Our champion tennis player? She sent this excerpt from the Marine Corps paper of "The Marine Corps" which is a fighting organization, but it is not the place for feuding families. Soon after the Korea incident, a representative of the famous McCoy family arrived at Parris Island for Woman Marine recruit training. Not to be outdone, a member of the equally famed Hatfields appeared soon afterwards. Tension filled the Third Battalion barracks when the fatal announcement was made that the two rivals were to live in the same building. What would happen when the girls finally came face to face? On a quiet spring day, the moment appeared. Suddenly, without warning, Pfc. Donna Hatfield and Sgt. Colleen McCoy stood facing each other.

Mr. Austin, whose wife is the former Myrtle Lois Harrison, is employed by Soule Steel Co. Grandparents of the new arrival are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Austin of 1920 Torrance Blvd. and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrison of Wesley, Ark.

A new addition named Catherine Corrine was made to the Richard Alan Conaway family of 1429 W. 219th St. on May 14, 12:22 a.m. First child of the Conways. Catherine, weighed six pounds, one and a quarter ounces at birth.

Mrs. Conaway is the former Ann Carolyn Shaffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaffer of 1420 1/2 Marcelina Ave. The Conways, Catherine, weighed six pounds, one and a quarter ounces at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Wheelis of 17025 Elgar Ave. became the parents of a daughter, Neila Caroline, at 6:30 a.m. May 7. Weighing 10 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces at birth, the pretty baby has two brothers, Edward Evans, 5, and Walter Herbert, 3.

Wheelis is an engineer draftsman for North American. His wife, the former Hilma J. Evans, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Evans of Corona.

A fifth child, and the second girl, was added to the family of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Perez of 21227 S. Huber, the morning of May 7. Named Leonor Susan, she weighed eight pounds, one ounce. Other Perez children are Mary Francis, 7; George Richard, 5; William Anthony, 3; and Richard Arnold, 2.

Mr. Perez is employed by Am- Stan. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Barrera of 1630 W. 213th St. and Mrs. Frances Perez of 203rd St. are the grandparents.

The arrival May 6 of John Everett Lam boosted to three the number of sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert P. Lam of 21309 Moneta Ave. John, who weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces at birth, has two brothers, Daniel Albert, 3 1/2, and Steven David, 2.

Lam is a crane operator with National Supply, and his wife is the former Lorraine Bird. H. D. Bird of Torrance is the maternal grandfather and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lam of Lubbock, Tex. are the paternal grandparents.

Proud parents of their third son are Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Weymouth of 3328 Winlock Dr. The baby, named Brian Richard and weighing nine pounds, two ounces, arrived at 6:55 a.m. May 5. His brothers are Theodore Gay, 2 1/2, and John Henry, 1 1/2.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay H. Weymouth of Lomita and Mrs. Rose Hoffman of Los Angeles are paternal and maternal grandpar-

other with swabs in their hands. They took their positions, drew back the swabs, and began doing their morning chores. Task accomplished, they decided that if the world would trade corn likker for cokes and guns for swabs, the place would be a better place to live in."

In the future, when Reserve Officer Greg Reger of the Redondo Police Department pursues a speeding car, he will no doubt have a few vivid pictures of what happened last Friday, May 2, when he and Officer Thomas were so engaged. While trying to locate a motorist who lost them by ducking down dark streets, they were hit broadside by the same motorist.

Both cars had to be towed away. And both officers were taken to the Harbor General Hospital. Greg returned to his home, 5251 Doris Way on Monday, May 5, after having several stitches taken for a head wound and being treated for broken ribs, bruises and abrasions.

Other bruises and abrasions were suffered this past week by Sharon Herbst, age 10, of Vanderhill. She was kicked in the lower right ribs by a horse at one of our nearby stables. She has a bad cut and bruise on that side, and is very careful to breathe easy. However, it seems real fortunate that no ribs were broken and she is back in school now. Incidentally, the Herbst family have had a house "guest" from Waikesha, Wis., Miss Lois Herbst, young sister of Mr. Herbst. She arrived by plane May 2, and expects to leave this week. I wonder how soon she will return to make her home in good old Calif?

The Heights has another visitor: this one at 5242 Bindowald Rd. She is Mrs. Mary Clavell, mother of Danny Clavell who has been our neighbor for a long time. Mr. Clavell drove back to New York and brought her out, hoping she would make her permanent home with him. Just one flew so far, Mary is lonesome. What can we do?

Reverend and Mrs. Andrew Duty and baby Paul left Sunday for a much-needed vacation and to visit their folks. They are going to Texas, Illinois and Iowa, if time allows. We wish you Godspeed, Andy and Josephine.

I suppose you all know that the long-legged bird is still mighty busy in these parts. Several babies are promised anytime now and one has just arrived. Welcome, baby Scott Duncan Verrelloni. Congratulations, Rose and Duncan, proud parents. The baby was born May 6 in a Long Beach hospital and weighed eight pounds, five ounces. He now resides at 5141 Zakon Rd. with his folks and a sister, little one-year-old Mary.

Is there any greater thrill than going into your teens? Patti Hepig says definitely No. And she is the one to ask because May 5 she reached her 13th birthday. It was previously celebrated May 2 with a party at her home. Her guests were Nancy Cook, Judy Lenahan, Camille Rovello, Darlene Scott and Laurie Stevens. Happy birthday from us, too, Patti!

A reminder! Tonight is the last Seaside PTA meeting for this year. School auditorium, 8 p.m.

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MENACE AND LOVE MADNESS ABOARD A TERROR SHIP CALLED ERROL FLYNN RUTH ROMAN
Mara Maru
Wednesday! Warners, San Pedro
JOEL McCREA YVONNE DeCARLO When Frisco was a sprawling hill-city of sin THE SAN FRANCISCO STORY
WARNERS BARGAIN MATINEE ON SATURDAY

HARBOR DRIVE-IN THEATRE
NOW SHOWING THE CIMARRON KID TECHNICOLOR AUDIE MURPHY
ROBERT YAN - IDA LUPINO ON DANGEROUS GROUND
STARTS SUNDAY JANE BRUCHO - FRANK RUSSELL - MARX - SINATRA DOUBLE DYNAMITE
THE UNKNOWN MAN WALTER ANN BARRY PIDGON - HARDING - SULLIVAN

Half Way House Restaurant - Motel - Cocktail Lounge ON PACIFIC COAST HIWAY At the Entrance to Torrance Municipal Airport Leo C. Grendler - Mgrs. - "Tiny" MacDonnell